

PHILLIES NOT TO GIVE ALEX BONUS

President Baker Says Noted Pitcher Will Have to Look to Cubs for Slice of Dough.

SAYS DEMAND IS UNREASONABLE

New York Sport Writers Not So Enthusiastic Over Chances of Brains Next Season.

New York, Dec. 21.—Grover Alexander, former star pitcher for the Philadelphia Nationals, recently sold to the Chicago Nationals with catcher Killefer for \$50,000, will receive no part of the purchase money, according to President William Baker of the Philadelphia club.

"If Alexander wants any bonus he must look to it from President Weeghman of Chicago," said Baker here last night. "I see no reason why we should any of the money received for Alexander over to that player."

"As a matter of fact, there is no need of Alexander signing a new contract with Chicago. We have assigned his contract, which covers the season of 1918 and 1919, over to the Chicago club. By the provisions of the new contracts signed by players last spring they agreed to go to whatever club they are sent, whether major or minor, at the same or smaller salary."

New York, Dec. 21.—A local sporting writer whose opinions usually are given attention here has this to say about the new Cub team:

"Owner Weeghman of the Cubs has figured it out that his three leading boxmen will win 30 games apiece during the 1918 campaign. The trio consists of Grover Cleveland Alexander, Jim Vaughn and Phil Douglas. Vaughn was not far from this mark at the close of the last season, and Weeghman believes that the big southpaw and Douglas will both show great improvement when working with a catcher of Killefer's ability."

In a way this does sound reasonable, yet a closer analysis of the Chicago club as it is constituted today makes it appear improbable that Mitchell's big three will come close to the 90 games set for them. The Cubs cannot hit hard enough to win 90 games for an entire pitching staff, not to mention three particular boxmen. Six of the seven other clubs in the National league counted the Cubs among the season's play, with only the Pirates failing to set up a better mark in team batting. Five of the seven clubs excelled the Cubs in running bases.

Still Weak at Bat.

The addition of Alexander and Killefer has strengthened the team in a defensive way but has added no real strength on attack. The Phillies were not rated as a great hitting team, yet they were many points better than the Cubs as a team and Alexander has averaged 31 victories a season during the last three years. Handicapped by a lighter hitting aggregation to do his run-getting, Alexander must pitch better ball at Chicago even to reach 30 victories. As for Vaughn and Douglas, they will have to show decided improvement on all past performances to approach the mark next year.

CHAMPION DISCUS THROWER IS WEDDED

Oshkosh, Wis., Dec. 21.—Arlio L. Mucka, world's champion discus thrower, former Olympian games participant and one of the nationally known athletes performing under the University of Wisconsin and the Chicago Athletic association, was married here yesterday to Miss Metcha Simpson, daughter of Eber Simpson, an Oshkosh pianist, and sister of Eber Simpson, Jr., all-western quarter for 1917. The Rev. E. M. Smith, retired Congregational pastor, officiated. The attendants were Mr. and Mrs. Carl Callies, the latter a sister of the bride. Mr. Mucka is now located on a ranch at Mitchell, S. D., but following a wedding trip will reside here until spring.

SELECT GUNDERSON SKATE INSTRUCTOR

Chicago, Dec. 21.—Ice hockey contests between teams from army and navy camps in the middle west are being arranged for this winter, according to W. Gunderson, a professional skater, who has been placed in charge of the skaters at the Great Lakes naval training station. He expects to arrange contests for his men with teams from Camp Grant, Camp Custer and various athletic clubs.

BASKET TEAMS PLAY RED CROSS BENEFIT

The basketball team of the Evangelical Church of Peace last night defeated the Franklin school five, 21 to 4, at the Franklin gymnasium. The church team greatly outweighted the Franklin. This game was staged for the benefit of the Rock Island chapter of the Red Cross and \$4 was raised. Tonight the Franklin meet the Lincoln school team at the Franklin gym.

SEVEROID TO ENLIST

Among the letters received from ball players by President Hank Johnson regarding their intentions for next year was one from Catcher Hank Severoid of the St. Louis Browns declaring that he means to enlist in the army. Hank has been the first string catcher of the Browns for two years. In fact, he is about ninety per cent of their catching staff and if he goes through with his plans the Browns will be hard hit indeed.

How Long Must I Suffer From the Pangs of Rheumatism?

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Doubtless like other sufferers, you have often asked yourself this question, which continues to remain unanswered.

Science has proven that your Rheumatism is caused by a germ in your blood, and the only way to reach it is by a remedy which eliminates and removes these little pain demons from your blood. This explains why liniments and lotions can do no perma-

STRANGLER LEWIS PLANS TO PROVE CLAIM TO TITLE IN BIG TOURNEY



Lewis demonstrating his headlock hold.

Strangler Lewis, who declares that he is the one mat artist worthy of the championship, will have a chance to prove it in the big wrestling tournament now proceeding in New York. Every wrestler of distinction is competing and the winner will be named the world's champ. Some of Lewis' competitors object to his headlock hold, declaring it to be the same as his outlawed strangle hold with a few disguises.

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At Spencer Square.

If you like comedy, and everybody does, Fatty Arbuckle, Al St. John, Buster Keaton and Alice Lake will make you roar with laughter tonight and tomorrow at the Spencer Square theatre. The comedy is "A Country Hero" and the scenes depict the joys of small town life as they are in a village of about five hundred inhabitants. There is the jazzville hotel, the jazzville dancing club and the jazzville jazz band. There is the town post, taken by Buster Keaton, he of the limber frame, while Fatty is the village blacksmith and Al St. John is the town garage owner and dude all rolled in one. Miss Lake is the village belle and there is a fierce competition for her hand which is nearly broken up when the handsome city stranger puts in an appearance with his polished manners. He gets the girl away from the dance, throws her into an automobile and they race to the city, where chase is given by Fatty and Al. How the two clean out the glided cafe and rescue the girl all forms part of one of the funniest films ever made. Audiences everywhere have screamed their delight at "A Country Hero" with its comic characters and its laughable situation.

In addition to this big comedy, there will be a five reel feature drama with Sessue Hayakawa, the noted Japanese actor. The play is "The Secret Game" and it is without any doubt the biggest thing Mr. Hayakawa has appeared in for a long time. The situations in "The Secret Game" are marvelously strong and the entire picture is done with that careful attention to detail which characterizes all Paramount pictures.

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As the banker is loaning money to the member, he insists that unless the name is presented he will foreclose mortgages which will mean ruin. The banker accidentally discovers his son is making love to the member's wife and this causes him to tear up the membership blank. There are several dramatic situations which the company capably present. Lillian Morley and the McCarthy Sisters, billed "Those Personality Girls," have a neat turn of harmony singing and dancing. They have plenty of class. The sketch, "At the Cross Roads," gives Harry and Etta Conley an opportunity to display their versatility. The stage setting is exceptionally pretty. The tumbling and balancing act of Hayatake brothers, Japanese athletes, is the best the Columbia has shown this season.

At the Majestic.

Most of us think we would like to be kings, but the job is not always so easy to live up to nor as pleasant, particularly when you have people plotting against your life and when you have got to marry a princess who is as ugly as a mud fence. In "Reaching for the Moon," Alexis Caesar Napoleon Brown (better known to you and to us as Douglas Fairbanks) falls heir to a kingdom which he had often dreamed about in his day dreams. After he took possession of the kingdom, he threw up the job and came back to his little cottage in Jersey. For further details do not fail to see "Reaching for the Moon," at the Majestic theatre tonight.

WILD BILL DONOVAN TO MANAGE CARDS?

New York, Dec. 21.—William (Wild Bill) Donovan, manager of the New York American league baseball club for the last three years, will be manager of the St. Louis National club next season, according to persistent but unconfirmed reports here today. Miller Huggins, manager of the Cardinals, recently was named as Donovan's successor here.

Branch Hickey of the Cardinals and Donovan have long been friends and it is said that when Hickey's efforts to sign Jack Hendricks failed, negotiations were opened at once with Donovan.

SUGGEST ALL STAR RED CROSS BENEFIT

New York, Dec. 21.—It isn't too late yet for some other pugilistic champion to get in on the wave of popularity that seems headed toward Jess Willard. It wouldn't be at all out of alignment if Mike Gibbons and Benny Leonard were to announce he would meet any one as a semi-windup affair to the bigger heavyweight title match—and donate his services free.

In the case of Gibbons it would require his willingness to meet Mike O'Dowd, the St. Paul youth who bumped Al McCoy off the pedestal. It would add to the attractions of the card if Leonard would meet Joe Wellington or Johnny Dundee.

Either of these bouts would add tremendously to the drawing power of the event and would add thousands of dollars to the Red Cross fund.

For The Argus Santa Claus Good Fellow

(Cut out and mail to The Argus.)

I hereby agree to buy Christmas gifts for (give number) poor children. I desire that the names of the poor children together with their ages and addresses be furnished me through The Argus Santa Claus Fund Committee.

Signed

Address

BARROW TO LEAD BOSTON RED SOX

President of International League Stated as Next Manager Former World's Champs.

TO RESIGN AS LEAGUE HEAD

President Frazee Engineering Deal Which Will Make Minor Mogul Vice President.

Chicago, Dec. 21.—Edward G. Barrow, president of the International league, will soon take over the active management of the Boston Red Sox, according to report. If the deal now on between Harry Frazee, president of the club, and Barrow goes through the latter will be made vice president and general manager of the club. Frazee, in that case, will practically retire from the game and devote most of his time to his theatrical interests.

Negotiations between the two have been pending for some time. At the American league meeting here in Chicago they practically came to an agreement. The only difference concerned the authority of the new official. Barrow insisted that he have full control in running the playing end of the game. The salary arrangements were said to be satisfactory.

Barrow resigned as president of the International at the annual meeting in New York a few days ago, when his salary was reduced from \$7,500 to \$2,500. His resignation will take effect on Feb. 12, and, according to Barrow himself, is final.

It is claimed that President Johnson of the American league had considerable to say about the negotiations. He and president Frazee disagreed as to the policies of the club last season and relations between the two were strained after Johnson had strongly criticized the Boston owner for offering each of his players \$1,000 if they beat out the White Sox in the pennant race. Several years ago the national commission issued an order that no bonus could be paid a player, and Johnson considered that Frazee violated the spirit of the rule.

That the International league had figured, when the owners reduced Barrow's salary, that the circuit would be wrecked next season was the statement made shortly after the meeting in New York. They had been given to understand that the Washington club would be transferred to Toronto, practically the only paying city in the league. Owner Jim McCafferty of Toronto said he would take a trip to Chicago and see Barrow about it. Jim had better save car fare. President Johnson said yesterday that the transfer was not on the program for next year.

No Transfer to Toronto.

"The Washington club will not be transferred to Toronto next season," said Barrow. "There is no question about Toronto being a cracking good baseball town, and it will be better. I look for it to soon have a population of 1,000,000. It has even been a good ball town during the war; but as for the removal of Griffith's club to the Canadian city, there is no probability of that now."

President Johnson would not say that the American league might not "move in" later, but for the present the Senators will live on the hope that conditions at the capital will improve.

HOBBY IN BED.

Cincinnati, O., Dec. 21.—Dick Hoblitzel, first baseman of the Boston Red Sox, will spend his Christmas on a cot at Christ hospital here, hoping the operation to which he submitted this week will fit him to fight for Uncle Sam. He was on the operating table two hours and has suffered considerable pain since, but was resting fairly easy today. In case the operation expected to wipe out the effects of an old baseball injury does not fit him for the army hobby will return to the Red Sox next season.

JONES IS OFF THE GAME.

Hugh Jones of the Denver club is so good and done with baseball that he didn't even stick around for the Western league meeting at St. Joseph, but took himself off to California. He will spend the winter in Los Angeles and will be joined there soon by James C. McGill, who also finds his interest in baseball waning.

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EDDIE CICOTTE IS CROWNED KING OF AMERICAN ARTISTS

Chicago, Dec. 21.—Eddie Cicotte is crowned king of American league pitchers for 1917 in the official hurling records, released yesterday morning. Little Eddie, whose wonderful work on the slab was the principal factor in landing the world's championship for the White Sox, has a goodly margin on his nearest competitor in the matter of effectiveness. In 49 games Cicotte was found for an average of 1.53 earned runs per game. Ranking next to him is Carl Mays, the submarine hurler of the Red Sox. Mays' average per game was 1.75 earned runs, and he broke into 25 contests.

Pitching was an important factor in landing the world pennant for Chicago and Comiskey. Jim Scott, who quit in the closing days of the season to enlist at an officers' training camp, is ranked fifth. Urban (Red) Faber, hero of the world series, is next, and Red Russell is seventh. Scott broke into only 24 games, however, while Faber was on the mound in 41 contests and Russell in 35. They found Scott for 1.87 earned runs per game, while the count against Red was 1.93. Russell's average was 1.95.

LARRY KOPF FAILS QUALIFY AS FLYER

Cincinnati, Dec. 21.—Larry Kopf, shortstop, who was given up as lost by the Reds, probably will be with the team next season. President Hermann yesterday received word from Kopf that his application for the aviation corps had been rejected. Kopf is not likely to be drafted.

EAST MOLINE TO PLAY.

The East Moline high school basketball team will open the season tonight, meeting the Moline high school five at the Moline gym. Coach Steenburg announced the following lineup for East Moline: Cooksby, center; Klingenberg or Forest, right forward; Filbert or Aldrich, left forward; Hunter, right guard; Dietrich, left guard; Osborne and Garcia, substitutes.

KILBANE WILL WAIT UNTIL WAR IS OVER

Cleveland, O., Dec. 21.—Johnny Kilbane, featherweight champion, will lay his ring laurels on the shelf until the end of the war. The Cleveland declares that he will pay no attention to challenges directed at him.

"I have decided not to do any boxing for profit until peace is declared," he explained. "The country will have first call on my services. If I discover I am through as a topnotcher when the war is over I shall quit the game without waiting to have my head knocked off."

SPORT SUMMARY

Chicago, Dec. 21.—Ora Morningstar outplayed Welker Cochran in two blocks of the 18-2 baltline billiard match for 1,800 points and went into the lead, 1,200 to 1,134.

In the international wrestling tournament at New York, Hans Puerst threw Hans Assam; Yousiff Hussana beat Charles Pospalil; Sula Nevenpas won from Henry Vogel. Dr. R. F. Roller defeated Fred Pilakoff and Ed "Strangler" Lewis downed George Manich.

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